

# THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Monday, December 1, 1884.  
THE SENATE WAS NOT IN SESSION.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Simonson, the Clerk was instructed to prepare for the printing a copy of the correspondence and other papers on the subject of the completion of the State House, furnished by the Governor in response to the request of the House.

A concurrent resolution was received from the Senate, providing for the election of an United States Senator for six years, on the expiration of the term of Senator Wade Hampton, on Tuesday, the 9th of December, and for aggregating the votes and declaring the election on the following day.

Mr. Simonson said that a constitutional question was involved in the action, and moved a reference to the judicial committee, which was ordered.

The concurrent resolution was also returned from the Senate, appointing a joint committee on the Columbia canal, which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed on the committee Messrs. Bine, Masser, McMaster, Mikell and Thompson.

Among the bills, etc., of general interest not heretofore noticed, the following were read the first time and referred:

Mr. Blake—To require persons sentenced to penalties for larceny to perform labor on the public roads of the county in which they are sentenced.

Mr. Dantzler—to provide for payment of per diem to jurors serving on coroners' inquests.

Mr. S. Wilson—for the relief of all counties in the State which have outstanding against them bonds of railroad contractors.

The following resolutions were presented and disposed of:

Mr. W. A. Brown—requiring the committee of ways and means to take into consideration the necessity of providing in some way for the year that has been lost in the collection of taxes.

Adopted.

Mr. Simonson—instructing the committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the constitutionality of including in one Act chapters of several societies, associations, etc. Adopted.

Mr. Ansel—that the doors be opened daily with prayer, and that the clergy of the city be requested to perform that service.

The following committees submitted unfavorable reports on the following bills, which were killed:

Ways and Means—bill to amend the General Statutes relating to sale of lands by the Sinking Fund Commission.

Agriculture—on bills to provide for licensing persons engaged in the sale of seed cotton, and to regulate the traffic in seed cotton in this State.

Judiciary—on bill to prevent the setting of traps and deadfalls on the lands of others; to prevent the conveyance of property by debtors in fraud of creditors.

The same committee reported favorably on the following bills, which were ordered for consideration tomorrow:

To limit the costs of attorneys, masters and referees in cases before masters and referees in the Sub-division 1, Section 267, General Statutes, relating to judgments by default; to amend the law in relation to the sale of ardent spirits in incorporated towns; to provide for cases of absence of jury commission; to extend the powers of masters in relation to sale of real estate; to amend the General Statutes relating to hunting deer; to ratify the amendment to the Constitution. The last bill was made the special order for consideration on Wednesday next, at 1 p. m.

The general orders were then taken up, and a bill to amend an Act to divide the city of Charleston into twelve wards, etc., was ordered to a third reading.

Objection being made, that the rest of the bills on the calendar had not been on the desks of members for one day, as required by the 52d rule, they went over until tomorrow.

The House then adjourned.

Tuesday, December 2, 1884.

## SENATE.

The following new measures were introduced:

Mr. Field—Bill to regulate the number and pay of Trial Justices in Pickens county.

Mr. Munro—Bill to appoint an official stenographer of the Eighth Circuit.

Mr. Sligh—Bill to create the office of County Surveyor and prescribe his duties and regulate his pay.

Mr. Early, on behalf of the committee on incorporation, submitted a favorable report on the Harborsville Railroad Company; also, on bill to incorporate the Mason Cotton Gin Company.

The following bills were passed to their third reading: To incorporate the Changas Line, Mining and Manufacturing Company; to incorporate the Mason Cotton Gin Company; to provide a mode of procedure by which lands may be taken by cities and towns for streets, roads and highways for public use; to amend Section 179 of the General Statutes; to require assignments of mortgages of real estate to be recorded; to incorporate the Harborsville Telephone Company; to confirm the charter of the Charleston Land Company, incorporated under an Act to authorize and regulate the creation of private corporations within this State, ratified the 20th day of December, 1866, and to renew the same; to ratify the amendment to Article Nine of the Constitution, made thereby by Section to be known as Section 17; to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend and amend the charter of the town of Marion," approved December 24, 1883; to permit a creditor to attack a fraudulent deed of his debtor without first obtaining judgment against him.

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A number of bills and resolutions were introduced, and referred to proper committees—among them the following:

Mr. Fox—to exempt the County of Colleton from the operations of the General School Law.

Mr. Bowen—to prohibit the distillation and manufacture of spirituous liquors in the County of Pickens.

Mr. Hutson—to provide for the disposition of the amount of money received by the Governor under the Direct Tax Act.

Mr. Sunday—Memorial of Mrs. S. F. Chapin, Mrs. F. Walker and Mrs. Moultrie Gibbs, officers of the W. C. T. U., asking legislation to introduce text books on the subject of the physiological effects of narcotics into the public schools of the State.

On motion of Mr. Sunday, the memorial was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Simonson—To amend the powers of the Board of Agriculture in granting licenses for digging and mining phosphate and phosphoric rock to protect persons using the public road leading into the city of Charleston.

The calendar was taken up, and several bills were disposed of. A bill to charter the Midland Railroad Company provoked a prolonged discussion. It was finally passed to its third reading.

On the bill in relation to the salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General, which proposes to increase the salary from \$2,000 to \$2,100, Mr. Ansel moved

# THE SENATE.

Wednesday, December 3, 1884.

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Mr. Patterson—Bill to provide a remedy against the estates of deceased persons for torts during their life time.

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The following bills were passed to their third reading: To incorporate the Mason Cotton Gin Company; to amend Section 563 of the General Statutes of South Carolina.

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